Dip in employment in organised sector

*154. DR. A.R. KIDWAI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether new data shows that organised sector employment has dipped by 4.2 lakh in the year 2001-02;

(b) if so, whether the reduction in jobs in the year 2001-02 is larger than the combined decline in the previous three years;

(c) whether the Prime Minister has called a meeting of trade union leaders, including those of INTUC and BMS, to discuss the issues concerned with the workers; and

(d) if so, to what extent he was able to convince the union leaders that the new labour laws would be beneficial to and in the interest of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Hon'ble Prime Minister had held a meeting with the representatives of the Central Trade Unions on 18.10.2002. In the meeting, various representatives expressed their views on amendment in various labour laws, labour reforms, violation of labour laws, report of the Second National Commission on Labour, Social Security aspects, Disinvestment, unemployment problem, etc. The Prime Minister appreciated the concerns expressed by the Trade Union representatives and sought suggestions from them to tackle the problems.

Safe storage of foodgrains

†*155. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the requirements of storage of foodgrains in the country;

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